

***Architectural Review Board  
of the  
Julian Historic District***

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Planning and Land Use  
County of San Diego  
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**RE: A Tent at APN 291-079-01  
1933 Main Street, Julian CA 92036  
#22 in Julian Historical District Guidelines  
The Thomas Strick, Jr. Residence**

**DISCUSSION:**

This letter is intended to present the position of the Julian Architectural Review Board (ARB) of the Julian Historical District. The Julian Design Guidelines were approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on September 27, 1989 and incorporated into the San Diego County Zoning Ordinance. Section 5749 of the San Diego County Zoning Ordinance provides "The external appearance of all structures shall resemble as closely as possible the appearance of buildings existing in Julian in the period 1870 – 1913". In other words, if an item, signs, structures, et cetera existed prior to 1913 it may be duplicated.

The problem the ARB has with the tent is not that she cannot have a tent, but it needs to have the form and exterior appearance of existing tents in the historical district prior to 1913. Under the Design Guidelines, the purpose for which the tent structure is used is not relevant. It is the appearance of the tent structure alone which violates the Guidelines, not the use for which it is put. In order to preserve the historic appearance of Julian, and to comply with the Design Guidelines, modern structures, such as the tent at issue in this matter disregard the purpose for which the Board of Supervisors created the Julian Historic District.

Sincerely,

Patrick L. Brown  
Chair

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